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FOR THE SECRETARY

1. I AM KEENLY AWARE OF THE VITAL IMPORTANCE WHICH THE PRESIDENT ATTACHES TO USG EFFORTS ABROAD TO REDUCE THE FLOW OF ILLICIT DRUGS TO THE UNITED STATES. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THIS MISSION HAS COOPERATED CLOSELY WITH BOTH THE U.S. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AND OUR DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) IN STAGING TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR GREEK OFFICIALS WHO ARE ENGAGED IN NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES. IN ADDITION, ALL ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS U.S. MILITARY COMPONENTS IN GREECE AND THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS HAVE FASHIONED PROGRAMS AND ACTION PLANS AIMED AT LIMITING AND PREVENTING THE USE OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS AMONG THEIR MEMBERS.

2. AS A RESULT OF THE PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVE TRANSMITTED
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BY REFTEL, I HAVE JUST HELD A WIDE-RANGING REVIEW WITH

ALL ELEMENTS OF THE MISSION, INCLUDING BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN COMPONENTS, OF PROGRAMS BOTH ACTUAL AND PLANNED RELATING TO THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM. I CAN SAY THAT A REAL COMMITMENT EXISTS TO ACHIEVE AND SUSTAIN PROGRESS, ACROSS-THE-BOARD, IN THIS VITAL AREA.

3. ON THE OFFICIAL FRONT, SINCE EARLY 1973 THE USG HAS PRESENTED THREE DIFFERENT SETS OF TRAINING COURSES IN INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL TO GREEK OFFICIALS. TWO WERE STAGED BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF CUSTOMS (MAY 1973 AND MAY 1974) AND ONE BY THE DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION (DEA) (OCTOBER 1973). ADDITIONALLY, A SECOND DEA COURSE WAS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1974 BUT SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES (CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION) PREVENTED ITS IMPLEMENTATION. HOWEVER, AS REPORTED IN ATHENS 7843, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME SUCH TRAINING PROGRAMS DURING THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

4. OUR VARIOUS MILITARY SERVICES REPRESENTED IN GREECE ALL HAVE THEIR OWN "IN-HOUSE" NARCOTICS EDUCATIONAL, PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. WHILE THERE HAVE OF COURSE BEEN INDIVIDUAL INSTANCES OF NARCOTICS USAGE BY SOME MEMBERS OF MILITARY COMPONENTS HERE, ITS INCIDENCE IS CERTAINLY NO GREATER AND PROBABLY APPRECIABLY LOWER THAN A COMPARABLE CROSS-SECTION SAMPLING OF U.S. CITIZENS RESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES WOULD SHOW.

5. AT OUR AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ALIKE ARE ENGAGED IN A CONTINUING, ONGOING PROGRAM GEARED TO EDUCATE OUR YOUNG AMERICANS BEING SCHOOLED HERE TO THE DANGERS -- BOTH AS TO HEALTH AND TO SOCIETY -- OF NARCOTICS USAGE. AGAIN, WHILE INDIVIDUAL INSTANCES OF USAGE (MOSTLY IN THE AREA OF DANGEROUS DRUGS RATHER THAN NARCOTICS) HAVE OCCURRED, WE ARE HAPPY TO SAY THAT THEY ARE MINIMAL AND SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER THAN COMPARABLE USAGE IN STATESIDE SCHOOLS.

6. IN THE ALL-IMPORTANT AREA OF INTERDICTION OF TRAFFICKING OF NARCOTICS (ESPECIALLY OF THE HEROIN FAMILY) DESTINED FOR THE UNITED STATES, HAPPILY WE CAN SAY THAT THE
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SITUATION IS SIMILAR TO THAT REPORTED FROM THIS EMBASSY DURING THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, I.E. THERE IS NO INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION INDICATING THAT GREECE IS BEING USED AS A TRANSIT AREA FOR THE SHIPMENT OF MORPHONE BASE MATERIAL. DUE TO STRINGENT CONTROLS AT LAND BORDER POINTS, CONSISTENT SEIZURES OF HASHISH HAVE BEEN MADE (MOSTLY IN SMALL TO MODERATE QUANTITIES), BUT TO DATE NO RPT NO SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MORPHONE BASE MATERIAL

HAS BEEN SEIZED. WHILE THIS COULD REFLECT AN "INTELLIGENCE GAP", I AM MORE INCLINED TO BELIEVE IT REFLECTS A COMBINATION OF THREE FACTORS: (A) THERE IS LITTLE OR NO MARKET HERE IN GREECE FOR HEROIN, (B) BORDER CONTROLS ARE STRICT, AND (C) QUICKER AND SAFER TRANSIT ROUTES EXIST EITHER THROUGH OTHER LAND AREA OR BY SEA.

7. THE SUSTAINED AND SERIOUS EFFORTS BY GREEK OFFICIALS TO CONTROL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC HAVE HOWEVER RESULTED IN THE ARREST AND DETENTION OF NUMBERS OF FOREIGNERS, INCLUDING INCREASING NUMBERS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS. AT PRESENT THERE ARE FIFTY-ONE AMERICANS (MILITARY AND CIVILIAN) DETAINED IN GREECE ON VARIOUS NARCOTICS CHARGES, MOSTLY FOR POSSESSION AND USE OF HASHISH. OF THIS NUMBER, TWENTY-SEVEN ARE ACTUALLY SERVING SENTENCES IN GREEK JAILS WHILE THE BALANCE ARE IN PRE-TRIAL DETENTION. SEVERAL OF THESE INDIVIDUALS MAY BE TRAFFICKERS, GIVEN THE LARGE QUANTITIES FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION AND THE CHARGES LODGED AGAINST THEM. PENALTIES UNDER GREEK LAW FOR NARCOTICS VIOLATIONS ARE HIGH, WITH A SENTENCE OF TWO YEARS NOT UNUSUAL FOR SIMPLE POSSESSION OF A SMALL AMOUNT (LESS THAN TEN GRAMS, FOR EXAMPLE).

8. IN SUBSTANCE, I BELIEVE THE OVERALL INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM AS CONCEIVED AND EXECUTED TO DATE HAS BEEN IMAGINATIVE, COMPLETE AND WELL THOUGHT OUT. IN TERMS OF ITS RELATION TO GREECE, I WOULD CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE THE HOLDING OF TRAINING PROGRAMS BOTH HERE AND IN THE UNITED STATES AS A VISIBLE AND PRACTICAL SIGN OF ONGOING INTEREST AND DESIRED COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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